

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

ERC MEETING DATE:	September 19, 2011		
Project Name:	Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan		
Owner:	City of Renton		
Applicant:	Leslie Betlach, City of Renton, 1055 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057		
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File Number:	LUA 11-064, ECF		
Project Manager:	Vanessa Dolbee, Senior Planner		
Project Summary:	Applicant is requesting Environmental (SEPA) Review for the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan. The plan identifies goals and objectives as well as recommendations and implementation strategies for the future of Renton's Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas.		
Project Location:	Citywide		
Exist. Bldg. Area SF:	N/A	Proposed New Bldg. Area (footprint):	N/A
		Proposed New Bldg. Area (gross):	N/A
Site Area:	N/A	Total Building Area GSF:	N/A
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Staff Recommends that the Environmental Review Committee issue a Determination of Non-Significance (DNS).		



Project Location Map

PART ONE: PROJECT DESCRIPTION / BACKGROUND

The City of Renton initiated an effort to update the Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Plan (PRNAP) in July of 2010. The City updates the PRNAP approximately every six years in order to keep abreast of the current demand and need for recreation facilities and services based upon population, demographics, trends, and participation rates. The Plan address issues such as: service gaps, connectivity, partnerships, community identity, active and passive recreation, recreation facilities and programming, natural areas and habitat. The plan was developed in conjunction with residents, property owners, business owners, as well as, community organizations and institutions.

The plan identifies seven goals with recommendations and implementation strategies that will accomplish the goals. The seven goals are:

1. Expand parks and recreational opportunities in new and existing locations with an identified need, in order to fill gaps in service and keep pace with future growth.
2. Create a connected system of parks, corridors, trails and natural areas that provides nearby and accessible opportunities for recreation and non-motorized transportation.
3. Cultivate strong, positive partnerships at the local and regional levels with public, private, and non-profit organizations in order to unite community efforts to develop and sustain the park system.
4. Create a distinct identity that celebrates the natural, historic and diverse character of the community through park and facility design, recreation programming, interpretation and education.
5. Ensure long-term economic and environmental sustainability in system planning, design, operation, maintenance and decision making.
6. Promote healthy and active lifestyles and build community through programs that are inclusive, fun and accessible for a diverse population.
7. Protect, conserve and enhance the area's diverse natural resources for the long-term health of ecosystems, and for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

PART TWO: ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In compliance with RCW 43.21C.240, the following environmental (SEPA) review addresses only those project impacts that are not adequately addressed under existing development standards and environmental regulations.

A. Environmental Threshold Recommendation

Based on analysis of probable impacts from the proposal, staff recommends that the Responsible Officials:

Issue a DNS with a 14-day Appeal Period.

B. Mitigation Measures

None.

C. Exhibits

None.

D. Environmental Impacts

There are no environmental impacts that are anticipated to occur in conjunction with the proposal.

E. Comments of Reviewing Departments

The proposal will be circulated to City Department Division Reviewers and appropriate agencies. All substantive comments will be provided to the Responsible Officials for their consideration and possible recommendation that the comments be incorporated as "Advisory Notes to Applicant."

Environmental Determination Appeal Process: Appeals of the environmental determination must be filed in writing on or before 5:00 PM, October 7, 2011.

Renton Municipal Code Section 4-8-110.B governs appeals to the Hearing Examiner. Appeals must be filed in writing at the City Clerk's office along with the required fee. Additional information regarding the appeal process may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, Renton City Hall - 7th Floor, 1055 S. Grady Way, Renton WA 98057.